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Chairman Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell.

I am sending this Fax message to you in regards to the Oct 7th hearing on the State of the Telecommunications Industry.

As a private citizen I want to express my total frustration with the majority of the Telecommunication Companies. I am a captive customer of my present telecommunications company. I would change to another company in a flash; however, I am restricted by the monopoly held by my present carrier.

If you want to know how to fix and inject new lifeblood into an outdated telecommunications industry, then strongly enforce the telecommunications act of 1996. This will allow free access for everyone who is looking for an alternative to his or her present system. This will help create a desire for new companies to enter the market and increase the employment of thousands of working people who have been laid off by the telecommunication giants.

Have you ever thought of taking a poll of the average citizen as to their preference of free choice or remain a captive of their present company? I'm sure you are thinking this would be impossible but I assure you it is only impossible and not important in your mind.

Respectfully,

Ira S. Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ira S. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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Dear Mr. Powell,

October 2, 2002

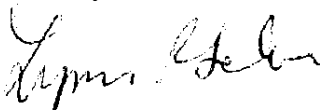
I am a concerned citizen of this country, and I use the telephone on a daily basis. One of the best things that happened to the telephone industry is that when rates began to fall, I could call my grandmother whenever I wished. Long distance became affordable, and since we had a choice, the long distance companies became MUCH MORE responsive to helping us with our problems.

I understand there is a law called the 1996 Telecom Act. One of my friends told me it is a law that makes the phone companies allow other companies to compete against them. I like that idea. I am worried, though, since I heard the SBC company is complaining about being told it must follow the Telecom Act. I think SBC is acting like a spoiled brat kindergartner who is throwing a temper tantrum because they must share their toys. Fair is Fair. SBC should be required to allow those other companies to compete (or suffer the consequences of standing in the corner like I made my kindergartner students do when they misbehaved).

Please, we need low prices-- our household budget is already strained. And we need to make sure the companies take good care of our phone service. I think a free market is the best way to make those two things happen.

So I support the 1996 Telecom Act. And I understand that in a recent speech, you said, " And I genuinely believe that when this shakeout is over and matures and settles again for some brief period, we will have a healthier sector..." It looks like we agree with each other-- that competition is a good thing

Sincerely,



Lynn R. Selwa
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Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing to you as a concerned American consumer who is fearful that you will fall prey to a 'smoke screen and mirrors ploy'. I STRONGLY BELIEVE AND AGREE in the 1996 Telecom Act.

I think it was the best thing that was done to protect the consumer in a very long time. What has happened in the Telecommunications industry was done for greed of pocketbook. Consumers did not do this, Owners, CEO's and stockbrokers did! Don't punish me, the consumer, by allowing the Baby Bell's and their likes in leading you to believe that they are losing money because of open competition. It's because of their greed.

I, as an American consumer, want the choice to PICK WHO I SPEND MY HARD EARNED MONEY WITH. Our founding fathers died in giving us our liberal freedom of choice. Don't turn our country and time back 100 years. I sincerely hope that you do the right thing and leave the choice up to the consumer with the companies capable of competition. It is called 'free market'!

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and being concerned for our opinions as we are the ones paying for these services which shouldn't be forced upon us. We deserve the right to have the freedom of choice.

Respectfully,

Ms. G. Dawn West